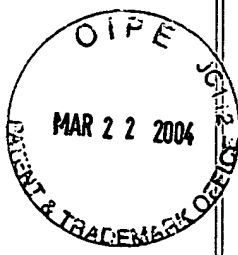


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Filed: April 11, 2001 :  
For: X-RAY FLUORESCENCE :  
ANALYSIS APPARATUS :  
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CONNECTING STRUCTURE :  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND REQUIRED EXTENSION FEE

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Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on March 17, 2004. This is an extension request for replying to the October 17 Office Action within the second month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the October 17 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

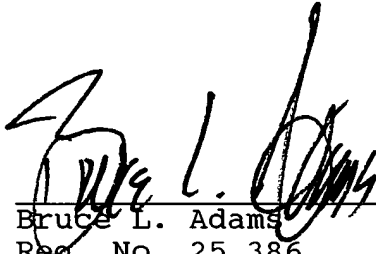
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A check in the amount \$420.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

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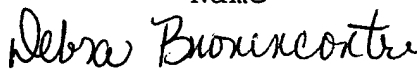
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